

place in case of certain rakes supplied from Jeenagora colliery to Panki TPS but the payment has been made on the basis of sampling of coal being carried out jointly in presence of the representatives of power house and BCCL.

CIL's request for purchase of power from NTPC

1091. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coal India Ltd., has requested Government to allow it to purchase power directly from National Thermal Power Corporation;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government proposes to amend the Electricity Act for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) To ensure reliable source of supply at reasonable tariffs.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Curtailing employees of Coal India Limited

†1092. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to curtail the number of employees of Coal India Limited on the basis of the Report of the Expenditure Commission;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard; and

(c) the total number of employees in Coal India Limited at present

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